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1. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HELD ITS FIRST WORKING SESSION MONDAY, 12 JUNE, DURING WHICH TIME RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED BY SPONSORS. AT THE OUTSET, CHAIRMAN VELD-KAMP ANNOUNCED THAT MULTINATIONALS RESOLUTIONS TWO, NINE AND SIXTEEN HAD BEEN CONSOLIDATED. THE NEW TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SOCIAL POLICY, SUBMITTED BY THE WORKERS' GROUP

PREAMBLE

1. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTRNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION,

2. CONSIDERING THAT THE GROWTH IN ACTIVITY IN RECENT  
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YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE INDUSTRY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOR THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STATES,

3. CONSIDERING THAT THE GROWTH OF THE ACTIVITY OF

MULTINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPAN-  
IES HAS HAD AND CONTINUES TO HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
ORDER AND FOR THE SOCIAL FIELD,

4. NOTING THE TRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES  
CONCERNING MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND SOCIAL POLICY  
ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AT ITS 204TH (NOVEMBER 1977)  
SESSION AND THE SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO THE  
POSSIBILITIES OF A FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURE;

OPERATIVE

INVITES THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR  
OFFICE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE STUDIES, RESEARCH AND OTHER  
ILO ACTIVITIES ALREADY CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA OF TRANS-  
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS, TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF TRANS-  
NATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SOCIAL POLICY ON THE AGENDA OF  
THE 1980 SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE,  
WITH A VIEW TO THE ADOPTION, IN PARTICULAR, OF INTER-  
NATIONAL LABOUR INSTRUMENTS. UNQUOTE (COMMENT: FOR  
FUTURE REFERENCE AND COMMUNICATION PURPOSE, WE HAVE  
NUMBERED THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ONE THROUGH EIGHTEEN AND  
WILL LEAVE THEM IN THAT ORDER END COMMENT) FOLLOWING  
ROUTINE PROCEDURE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AFTER THE  
PRESENTATIONS. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE 1130H 14 JUNE.  
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IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAW AN INTELLIGENT CONCLUSION ON OUTCOME  
DUE IN PART PREOCCUPATION AND BACKGROUND MANEUVERING FOR  
GOVERNING BODY ELECTION WHICH TAKES PLACE JUNE 13.

2. APPLICATION OF STANDARDS COMM. ELECTED CHAIRMAN  
RODRIGO VALDEZ BAQUERO (ECUADOR), EMPLOYER DIANA MAHABIN  
(TRINIDAD & TOBAGO) AND WORKER JEF HOUTHUYS (BELGIUM).  
HO THUYS HAD EARLIER THREATENED TO PROPOSE DELETION OF  
CRITERION SEVEN OF SPECIAL LIST BUT DURING WORKER GROUP  
MEETING AND TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE HE SUPPORTED MAINTAINING  
THE LIST AND PARAGRAPHS UNCHANGED. GENERAL DISCUSSION  
CENTERED ON ROLE AND PRINCIPLES OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS.  
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES STRONGLY CRITICIZED PARAGRAPH TEN OF  
EXPERTS REPORT AS UNFAIR TO "SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES". THEY URGED ABOLITION OF THE SPECIAL LIST  
AND PARAGRAPHS IN THE CONFERENCE APPLICATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT BECAUSE THEY CENSURE GOVERNMENTS INSTEAD OF HELPING  
THEM. DEFENSE OF EXPERTS AND ILO SUPERVISION IN GENERAL  
SO FAR LOW-KEYED IN GOVERNMENT AND WORKER GROUPS. SRI  
LANKAN WORKER GAVE EXTENSIVE SUPPORT TO EXPERTS AND TO  
CRITERION SEVEN WHILE NIGERIA AND SRI LANKA GOVERNMENTS  
USED ARGUMENTS REFLECTING THE SOVIET LINE. MOST EFFECTIVE

STATEMENT OF WESTERN VIEWS GIVEN BY WILLIAM JAMES (UK  
GOVT.). GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCLUDES WEDNESDAY.  
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